

1 AN ACT in relation to the operation of school buses.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 12-816 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-816 new)

7 Sec. 12-816. Bus driver complaints; reporting and  
8 investigation.

9 (a) Any school bus operating in the State of Illinois,  
10 as defined in Section 1-182 of this Code, shall display a  
11 toll free number, which may be contacted to report the  
12 improper operation of a school bus. The toll free number  
13 shall be conspicuously displayed on the exterior of every  
14 school bus.

15 (b) The Secretary of State, subject to appropriation,  
16 shall adopt rules establishing a toll free number that may be  
17 contacted to report the improper operation of a school bus.  
18 In addition, the Secretary of State shall establish by rule a  
19 procedure for response to these reports and a procedure under  
20 which the reports are forwarded to the appropriate law  
21 enforcement and school officials within a reasonable period  
22 of time.

23 (c) There shall be established in the Office of  
24 Secretary of State, subject to appropriation, a division  
25 exclusively dedicated to handling receipt, investigation, and  
26 follow up of all complaints related to this Section. This  
27 division shall also be responsible for all administrative  
28 hearings that occur as result of action taken by the  
29 Secretary in conjunction with the rules provided for in  
30 subsection (b) of this Section.

31 (d) The School Bus Toll Free Hotline Fund is created as

1 a special fund in the State treasury. The moneys in the fund  
2 shall come from appropriations. All moneys in the School Bus  
3 Toll Free Hotline Fund shall, subject to appropriation, be  
4 used to implement the activities required under this Section.

5 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
6 Section 5.545 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 105/5.545 new)

8 Sec. 5.541. The School Bus Toll Free Hotline Fund.